



KITIMAT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Looking Back

The library remained a vital community center offering a sometimes tranquil, sometimes bustling environment in which to curl up with a great book, newspaper or magazine, to attend clubs and thought provoking workshops, or to pick up some easy listening music, a chess game or paperback for the beach. Complete with a cozy corner and friendliest of staff, we continue to offer a robust assortment of bestsellers, classic and large print books, board games, comics and movies—something to please everyone! The Library welcomed a little over 70,000 visitors many of whom came out to enjoy our story times, teen activities, puppet plays, book club gatherings and summer reading club. Last year we held our inaugural Reading Link Challenge where every elementary school participated – congratulations to St. Anthony’s School who walked away with the first place school trophy!

We are delighted with the recent Friends of the Library donation of our wish-listed program room table, chairs and lectern. This gift, worth \$5600, was made possible through the biannual used book sale. Our program room also received a fresh coat of paint and new black out-curtains – we are gearing up for our newest programming format—musical Shadow Puppets! Great for children of all ages!

We continued to receive funding to sustain our Community Access Programming site. We were one of six funded sites who received both a youth grant as well as furniture and equipment funding. Too, we are most thankful to The Ministry of Education and Public Library Services Branch for their financial support and guidance.

The library continued to work with Community Services and Northwest Community College to bring ESL/Settlement Services/Adult Literacy to Kitimat. Ministry of Advanced Education funding was sustained throughout the year enabling a continued and successful literacy service to Kitimatians.

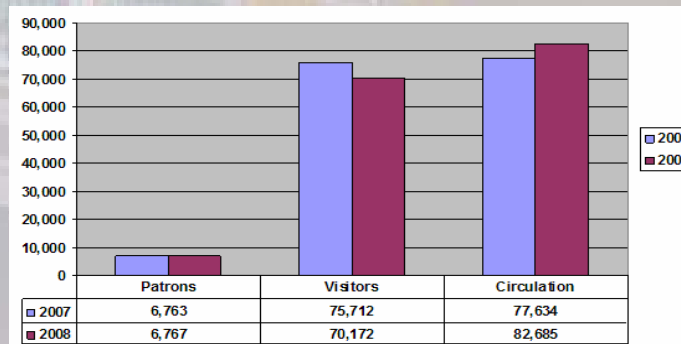
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board, our staff, Federation members, corporate sponsors, and private donors for aiding us in helping maintain excellence in library resources and services. I am certain that next year will be equally successful.

Federation News

Four of our seven federation member libraries have migrated to the provincially administered open sourced integrated library system. Terrace, Houston, Smithers and Prince Rupert Public Libraries made the transition in 2008, Hazelton will make the transition in April of 2009 and Kitimat follows in 2011. Stewart Public Library has not as yet set a date. Migration order was determined by those in the province with the greatest need. Our software, albeit outdated, still functions without any of the bells and whistles that will be available with the new software. Our newly designed membership card was rolled out at Christmas and gives Kitimatians full access to all member libraries collections and services.

Congratulations to Ed Curell, Chief Librarian and colleague, who retired from the Terrace Public Library after 29 years of service. It was a joy working with him. Congratulations to Karen Filipowski who accepted the role of Federation Coordinator.

Virginia Charron, Library director, BA MLIS



Facts & Figures

Revenue	\$	Expenditures	\$
Fines	9,084	Advertising	1,421
Photocopying service	801	Books/audio visual	58,393
Donations	7,326	Equipment purchase	13,828
Lost materials	1,157	Equipment repairs & maintenance	6,007
Miscellaneous	3,645	Insurance, professional fees & dues	7,162
Phone/fax	520	Janitorial	12,044
Internet	621	Literacy programs	1,226
Subtotal	<u>23,154</u>	Periodicals, subscriptions & microform	5,651
Municipal grants		Postage and miscellaneous	7,975
General	429,447	Program/display materials	2,984
Rental	111,600	Rent	111,600
Student wages top-up	1,015	Salaries and benefits	378,984
Subtotal	<u>542,062</u>	Staff development	3,373
Provincial grants		Stationery and supplies	8,446
BC OneCard	9,500	Telephone, Internet & utilities	6,559
Every school child	1,240	Travel	<u>5,894</u>
Resource sharing	2,339	Subtotal	<u>631,547</u>
Library operating	33,632	Excess of revenue over expenditures	<u>1,407</u>
Technology & equity	9,500		
Subtotal	<u>56,211</u>		
Federal grants			
Community access program	5,602		
Summer career placement	5,925		
Subtotal	<u>11,527</u>		
Total	<u>632,954</u>	Total	<u>632,954</u>

Cash	20,677
Prepaid expenses	4,390
Investments	19,877

Patron visits	70,172	In-house program attendees	2,533
Items circulated	82,685	Internet bookings	7,795
New members	533	Computer training sessions	32
Card holders	6,767	Items added	4,469
Interlibrary loans & borrowing	1,984	Items deleted	6,720
Book reserves	1,975	Items in the collection	56,474
In-house programs	188	Outreach program attendees	671
Meeting Room Rentals	12	Outreach Programs	18

Board Members

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Staff Members

Virginia Charron	Library Director
Karin Grossmann	Library Asst. III
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Andy Ackerman, BCLTA Pres.; V. Charron, Pres. ABCPLD & KPL Library Director; Hon. S. Bond, Minister of Education & Dep. Premier & L. Jordan, BCLA Pres. at the UBCM library gala in Penticton



Sleeping Beauty Sylvia Gairdner and Evil Witch Karin Grossmann at Riverlodge's Halloween Howl



Shawn Durocher becomes permanent part-time in January



'Pinocchio Comes Alive' puppet play drew an audience of 145 on December 5th

Special thanks to the following for their support in 2008

A&W (Terrace)	4 Sale in Kitimat	North Coast Library Federation
Child Development Center	Friends of the Kitimat Library	Northwest Community College
Community Services Society	Industry Canada's CAP Program	Public Library Services Branch
District of Kitimat	Lapointe Engineering Ltd.	The Northern Sentinel
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